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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 110.01990201	FOR FURTHER ACTION	see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
International application No. PCT/US03/09819	International filing date (day/month/year) 02 April 2003 (02.04.2003)	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year)
Applicant REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. **Basis of the Report**
 - a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).
 - b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:
 - contained in the international application in written form.
 - filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
 - the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
 - the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.
2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).
3. Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).
4. With regard to the title,
 - the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
 - the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:
5. With regard to the abstract,
 - the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
 - the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.
6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. _____
 - as suggested by the applicant.
 - because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
 - because this figure better characterizes the invention.

None of the figures

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claim Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claim Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. Claim Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
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1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.: 1-21

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : A01N 1/00, 1/02; C12N 5/06, 5/08
 US CL : 435/1.1, 1.2, 366, 375

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 435/1.1, 1.2, 366, 375

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	FALASCA et al. Protective Role of Tauroursooxycholate During Harvesting and Cold Storage of Human Liver. Transplantation. May 15 2001, Vol 71. No. 9, pages 1268-1276, especially page 1269.	1-21
X	RODRIGUES et al. Tauroursodeoxycholic Acid Partially Prevents Apoptosis Induced by 3-Nitropropionic Acid: Evidence for a Mitochondrial Pathway Independent of the Permeability Transition. Journal of Neurochemistry. 2000, Vol 75. No. 6, pages 2368-2379, especially abstract and Figure 1.	1-4
Y	FRIMAN et al. Ursodeoxycholic Acid Reduces Acute Rejection in Heart Allografts Rats. Transplantation Proceedings. February 1992, Vol 24. No. 1, pages 344-345.	5-14
X		1-3, 5
Y		4, 6-21

<input type="checkbox"/>	Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.	<input type="checkbox"/>	See patent family annex.
*	Special categories of cited documents:	"T"	later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
"A"	document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance	"X"	document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
"E"	earlier application or patent published on or after the international filing date	"Y"	document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art
"L"	document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)	"&"	document member of the same patent family
"O"	document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means		
"P"	document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed		

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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid.

Group I, claim(s) 1-21, drawn to a method for promoting viability of a transplant cell population by treating the cell population with hydrophilic bile acid.

Group II, claim(s) 22, drawn to a method for treating a human with Parkinson's disease by transplanting cells treated in vitro with tauroursodeoxycholic acid.

Group III, claim(s) 23-41, drawn to a method of treating a subject with Parkinson's disease by transplanting cells treated with ursodeoxycholic acid.

Group IV, claim(s) 42-53, drawn to a method of treating a donor of transplant cell population with hydrophilic bile acid.

Group V, claim(s) 54-65, drawn to a method for treating a recipient of transplant cell population with hydrophilic bile acid.

The inventions listed as Groups I-V do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

This application contains claims drawn to more than one of permissible combinations of invention categories such as more than one of methods of using the hydrophilic bile acids.

Furthermore, the corresponding special technical features such as the use of hydrophilic bile acid compound for treating cell populations and for administration to patients are known in the prior art. For example: see abstract of the reference by Rodrigues et al. (Journal of Clinical Investigation. June 1998. 101/12, 2790-2799 Vol 101. No. 12, 2790-2799, especially abstract) that teaches the use of hydrophilic bile acid compounds for treating liver cells and for administration to prevent cell apoptosis and cell alterations. Thus, the claimed inventions lack unity.

Continuation of B. FIELDS SEARCHED Item 3:

WEST: USPT, DWPI; STN: REGISTRY, CAPLUS, MEDLINE

search terms: ursodeoxycholic acid, taurousodeoxycholic acid, glycoursodeoxycholic acid, transplantation